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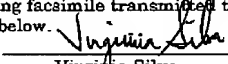
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Serial No.: 09/808,164 Examiner: Arthur G. Evans
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and a Data Storage Medium Storing a Symbol Printing Program

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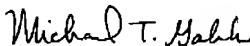
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